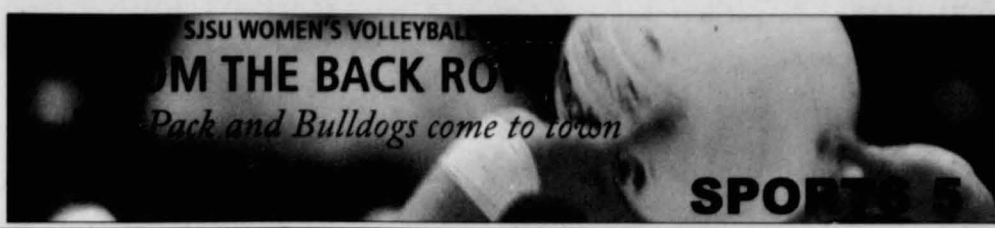




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Student Union directors propose fee increase

By Jenny Shearer
Daily Staff Writer

The 34-year-old Student Union facility needs \$3.6 million to pay for repairs to mechanical systems such as heating, air conditioning, plumbing and waterproofing, said Student Union officials.

Currently, the Student Union does not have enough money in its budget or reserve accounts to cover the costs of the repairs, said Cathy Busalacchi, executive director of the Student Union.

Busalacchi said she is going to appear before the Campus Fee Advisory Committee today and ask that the Student Union fee be increased by \$45 in spring 2004. That means that the full Student Union fee would increase from \$81 to \$126 per

semester.

Student reaction to news about the proposed fee increase was mixed.

"Considering I just got another bill for \$150 this week, asking students for more money is kind of upsetting," Daniel Hornback, an administration of justice graduate student.

"I just think they should try to find some alternative means of raising money rather than resorting to an automatic fee increase. But ultimately, if we have to pay for problems to be fixed, it's better we do it now before they get worse," Hornback said.

Another student said she supported making repairs. "It's a good idea to get it fixed, but I don't know about the fee increase," said Prynness Ipi Lose, a senior administration of justice major.

"The fee increase inhibits people's chance and opportunity to attain a higher education. A lot of people can't

pay (another) \$45 ... especially in the Silicon Valley," Lose said.

Busalacchi said that the Student Union needs to take a \$1 million loan to pay for the repairs.

The committee's recommendation will then go to Interim President Joe Crowley for his review, Busalacchi said.

Crowley expressed support for the fee increase in a letter sent to Cynthia Haliasz, chair of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

According to Crowley's letter, the \$45 fee increase will be used to pay the \$1 million loan for the repairs.

In addition, the fee will allow all three Student Union facilities (the Student Union, Sport Club and Aquatic Center) to resume full operational hours, including weekend hours, Busalacchi said.

Cutbacks in hours were made in

May 2003 because of budget problems, Busalacchi said.

Busalacchi said the fee increases would be used to help with operational problems, restore the Student Union's financial reserves, put aside money for operations and replace equipment.

She noted this is the first increase in the student fee in 14 years that supports the three Student Union facilities.

Although the Student Union has three reserve accounts, those sources have been tapped into because the organization has not had enough money in its operating budget, Busalacchi said.

According to information provided by Busalacchi, the Student Union has \$2.6 million in reserve funds.

The document stated that mechanical problems within the Student

Union started in May 2003 when a bad smell in the building was detected. The odor came from a leak in the food waste pipe in the basement, which is below the ground level of the Student Union and was found and fixed.

Upon further investigation, it was found that the leak had spread to a 3,000-square-foot area of the basement.

Repairs were made but problems with the leak continued, at the cost of \$100,000, according to the document.

A local engineering firm, Salas O'Brien, was brought in to assess the Student Union.

According to information provided by Busalacchi, Salas O'Brien's report included "assessments of the mechanical, plumbing, and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems, along with water intrusion and

waterproofing in the building and recommended (that the Student Union) needed capital repairs totaling \$3.6 million."

"The engineers got in there and looked at the scope," said Terry Gregory, Student Union manager. "What was precipitated by the initial problem became more expensive."

Rosanna Lerma, a principal at Salas O'Brien, said the firm's estimate on the cost of repairs is sound.

"It's better for me to tell you're going to be \$3.6 million and only need \$3 million," she said. "We like to make sure you have enough money to get things done and to do them right so they last a long time. Usually mechanical systems have a 15- to 20-year life. So in a sense, you're getting a lot more out of them than is typical."

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Disabled transit program threatened

Negotiations between
A.S. and VTA stall over
Outreach service and fees

By JaShong King
Daily Staff Writer

As light streaks across a suburban road at dawn, a car marked Outreach Paratransit pulls up to a house in south San Jose.

"Morning," greets the driver as he gets out and looks through the screen door of the house. "Is Lupe Medrano here?"

"Coming," Medrano says, as she carefully walks out, her left palm open feeling for the wall.

"Are you a visually disabled person?" asks driver George Cobb as he holds her gingerly by the arm. Medrano answered yes.

"What're you wearing, it smells good," Cobb says.

"Oh, thank you very much," Medrano says, laughing in response.

Cobb leads Medrano to the car already occupied by other disabled riders as he begins his route shuttling them around Santa Clara valley.

Medrano is a visually impaired San Jose State University student. She suffers from cataracts and a condition that only allows her to see faint shadows.

Medrano relies on transit service from the Outreach Paratransit program, under the umbrella of the Valley Transportation Authority, to get to school. The program is for eligible elderly and disabled residents around Santa Clara County who are unable to take regular public transportation.

Medrano says it is much easier than utilizing complicated bus and light rail routes.

"I used to take the bus for 15 years," Medrano, who's also an active disabled students advocate said, "but back in 1995 when I had the cataracts really bad, it got to the point where I couldn't see where I was. I had an incident once where I told the bus driver where I had to get off and he didn't tell me. I had to walk over a mile to get where I needed."

As a student at SJSU, she can use the service, which normally costs a \$3 per trip, but is free under SJSU's transit access program with the VTA.

However, all that may change next semester. Associated Students is currently in a negotiation stalemate with VTA. At issue were proposed fee increases and the possible exclusion of the Outreach program from the new contract.

"When we went to the students, and asked them to pay for this program, we didn't check to see if you had a disability," executive director Alfonso De Alba said. De Alba is in charge of

negotiations with the VTA.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 required that any service provided for the general public had to be made accessible to the disabled as well.

Translated into SJSU's transit access program, if non-disabled students could ride the public transportation system for free, disabled students should be able to have access to the same coverage area for free as well.

But because of rising costs and financial difficulties, VTA has had to scale back some of their service including the Outreach program for SJSU students, according to VTA officials. They are now saying students will have to pay the regular \$3 service fare.

De Alba said he thought VTA's current contract proposal was discrimination.

"I buy a product on behalf of you, the students, whether you are pink, purple, green or whatever condition you have," De Alba said. "It is not fair for me to go and buy a service for all the students of San Jose, which all of you get charged for, and all of a sudden come back to you and say, 'all of you except the green ones are on this program' ... that's discrimination."

Though the transit service incurs more cost per student than those who use the regular buses and light rail, De Alba said if VTA was allowed to dictate the terms of their transit access contract based on usage, it would set a bad precedent for future negotiations.

"If all of a sudden, I let VTA carve out a portion of the students who are deemed too expensive, what is the next group they would like me to cut out? What about students on the weekend? What about students in the daytime?" De Alba said.

De Alba said he remains skeptical of the VTA's reports of financial difficulties as their rationale.

"I just heard the courts allowed them to use Measure A funds to supplement their programs," De Alba said. "So the budget question they are talking about is no longer valid."

Measure A was a tax approved by voters three years ago and originally designed to fund construction of BART into San Jose, according to a San Jose Mercury News article.

But through a court ruling, VTA will now be able to use that money to pay off some of their debts.

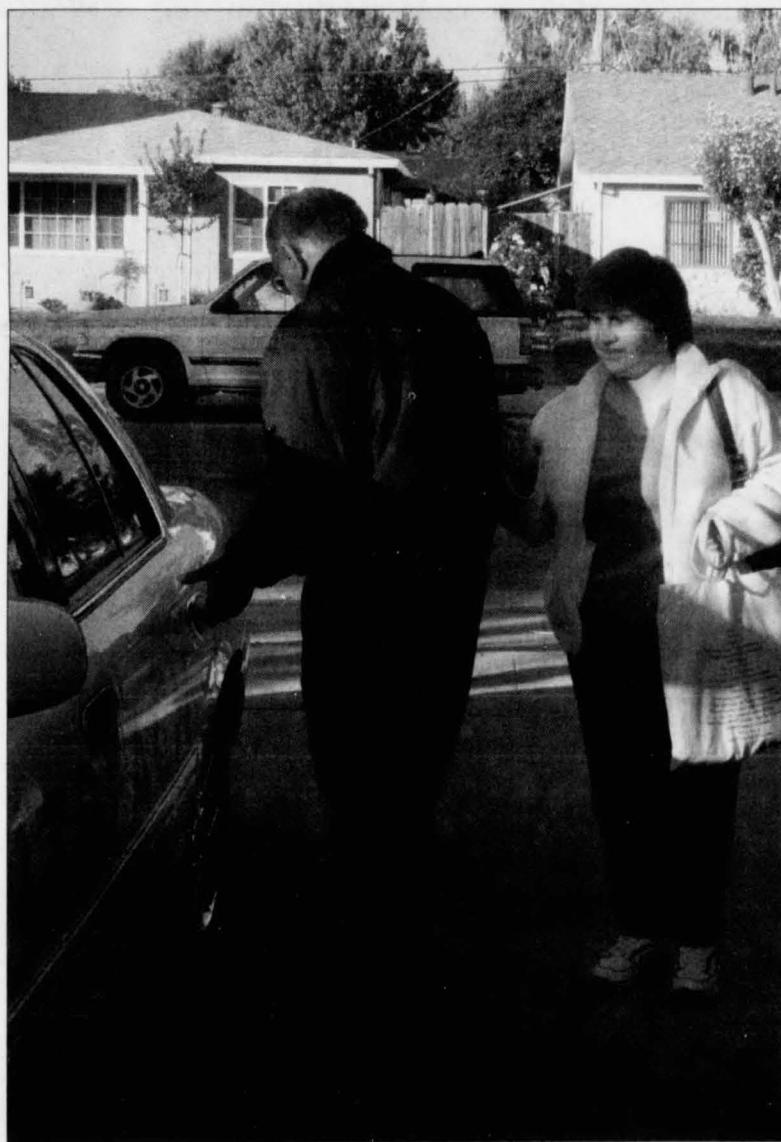
VTA spokeswoman Lupe Solis disagreed, saying their budget woes were still very real.

"That money is more like a loan. We're going to have to pay it back," Solis said.

She said most of the funds from Measure A were earmarked for maintaining their current operating status. Had that measure not gone through there would have been even more significant cuts in personnel, service and routes, she said.

"It's (everything), like 200,000 people out of

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Lisa Inman / Daily Staff

George Cobb, an Outreach Paratransit program driver, escorts Lupe Medrano, a sophomore majoring in social work, to a car in the driveway outside her south San Jose home Tuesday morning. Medrano, who is visually impaired, has been using the Outreach program for about eight years.

Tower stands test of time

Editor's note: Every other Wednesday the Spartan Daily will profile campus buildings and structures. — F.B.

By Mark Cornejo
Daily Staff Writer

In 1910, a building was opened at San Jose State University, then known as the California Normal School, which would come to symbolize the university.

Tower Hall, with its red tiled roof and ivy-covered walls, is the signature for SJSU and can be seen on just about any school letterhead, publication and merchandise.

"It is the focal point of the university," said Steven Groth, the Special Collections coordinator at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library. "It is where the present meets the past."

Groth said the history of Tower Hall stretches beyond SJSU.

"It is the oldest building at the oldest California State University," Groth said.

In the first 15 years of the school that would come to be SJSU the campus was moved eight times, finally planting its roots in San Jose, according to documents housed in the Special Collections room of the King Library.

On the site where Tower Hall now stands there was first a wooden classroom building constructed in 1872, but burned down in a morning fire on Feb. 10, 1890.

A new building was constructed in 1881 and stood for 25 years.

The tower became unsafe, and a liability, in 1906 when it was damaged by the San Francisco earthquake, according to Special Collections documents.

When a new building was going to

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Preschool serves as observation tank

By Alexandra Proca
Daily Staff Writer

Lauren Hollie walked into the narrow and dark room armed with pen, paper and a sharp sense of observation and proceeded on to her class assignment.

Hidden behind, large tinted windows, she is invisible from inside the preschool room, where children between the ages of 3 and 5 are playing.

Hollie, a senior majoring in child and adolescent development, is only one of the students who often take advantage of the observation room in the Central Classroom building, at San Jose State University.

"There are child and adolescent, psychology, sociology and social work majors who come to the preschool lab for observation," Hollie said.

On Tuesday morning, Hollie was observing different attachment patterns among the children. She said she paid extreme care to their reactions when the parents left them in school.

"I was watching how they interacted with their parents, how they said their 'goodbyes' how they began incorporating themselves with what's going on around them," Hollie said.

Hollie said she is studying to become an elementary school teacher.

Meleka Keith, another senior majoring in child and adolescent development, said she came to the observation room on Tuesday for the same reason as Hollie — to observe patterns of attachments.

"One of my activity assignment is to observe three different children for one hour each and to take notes," Keith said.

After watching the kids for an hour, Keith said that she would be able to compare one child's attachment to another's.

The preschool lab on campus provides a convenient opportunity for students to gain practical experience on the theory they are taught, Keith said.

Keith said the lab suits her needs as a student because the children are available every day on a regular schedule. She added that students don't need to apply for permission to observe.

"You just come in and have your work done," Keith said.

Hollie, who started using the facility for the first time this semester, said it is "a really easy way to observe and it's convenient, it's in the school, it's open to people."

Chungsoon Kim, a child and adolescent development professor who is teaching the class Keith was sent on

assignment for, said the lab makes it easier for teachers to assign homework.

"Students get to see the actual behavior and how (the children) cope with it," Kim said.

Kim said the lab has three functions: it allows students to observe real children, it lets faculty do research and it provides a community service.

Keith said the preschool lab helps better understand the theory.

"We can read in the textbook about these things, but when you actually observe them you see actually what we read," Keith said.

Preschool lab instructor Paula le Blanc and her students were teaching the class that Hollie and Keith were observing.

The preschool is open for morning and afternoon sessions Monday

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Yvonne Pingue / Daily Staff

Eileen Schick of San Jose waits in the observation room of the Child Development preschool Laboratory in the Central Classroom building to pick up her two children Tuesday afternoon. The observation room is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

opposing views:

Will Proposition 54 be good for education if it gets implemented?

YES | *Statistics on ethnicity only highlight racial differences.*

The passing of Proposition 54 is the first step in the right direction to free Californians from being racially categorized.

Proposition 54 would ban the collection and use of racial data in the state.

The initiative would prohibit the state from categorizing people by race, ethnicity or national origin when it comes to employment, education and contracting.

In plain terms, we would never hear or read anymore disturbing and unnecessary statistics.

A recent statistic stated that many African-Americans graduate from high school with an eighth or ninth-grade reading level.

Another statistic recorded that nine out of 10 Asian Americans learning English as a second language have a difficult time differentiating between verb and antecedent agreement.

"The data itself is just numbers, but the meaning underneath shows a crystal clear hint of racial separation."



DAVE WEINSTEIN

It seems this is the perfect way to start over with a clean slate. Passing Proposition 54 is a step in the right direction and what better place to try it than California.

California looks at itself as this racially integrated, liberal state that welcomes any race and provides opportunity to all.

Proposition 54 is all of these things. Eliminating the data would set a precedent.

Hopefully, other states will take note of Proposition 54 and realize that classifying people in an educational setting and other settings is useless.

People need to start realizing that there will always be disparities between races as well as any group.

But publicizing the numbers only creates negative viewpoints.

Using the data for educational purposes is an unfair tactic and the numbers aren't used to improve education.

Students will continue to struggle in individual subjects whether they're white, black, orange or yellow.

The next step is to attack education as one whole problem and look at the common struggles of all the students at an individual grade level.

What is the significance of knowing that the students in the above statistics are black?

There are so many other causes that contribute to the above statistic, such as poverty and single-parent homes.

If the proposition passes, opponents would lose nothing more than statistical evidence to prove irrelevant arguments.

Is it really necessary to continue labeling people by race?

Hopefully, the voters on Oct. 7 will make the right decision and ultimately open the minds of more Californians.

Dave Weinstein is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

NO | *We shouldn't ignore problems by eliminating data.*

Proposition 54 is bad news for Californians.

The so-called "Racial Privacy Initiative" proposed by University of California regent Ward Connerly will do much more harm than good for the state of California.

Connerly is the same man who brought us Proposition 209 back in 1996, which eliminated affirmative action programs.

Proposition 54 is just the next stage in taking two steps back in the states quest to make progress in racial equality.

This cleverly phrased proposition is nothing more than a con to prevent further development of diversity and racial equality.

In the proposition it is stated, "The state shall not classify any individual by race, ethnicity, color or national origin in the operation of public education, public contracting or public employment."

On the surface this proposition appears to be about protecting one's privacy. The truth is this will only push California back in its quest to promote racial equality. It will eliminate the tools the state is using to fight discrimination.

Collecting information on each race is not prejudice and it is not used to create stereotypes - this is information used to enable California to address and improve many areas.

Not only does California still need a lot of work, the entire United States does. We are not even close to being a "colorblind" society.

The state needs to continue to be able to collect race-related data to make improvements and progress in areas of education, crime, health and employment. If we don't have these statistics, it will be hard to know what we need to fix.

Education is in line for a devastating blow if this proposition is passed. The state will not be able to investigate whether minorities are being given equal access to student services and other resources at schools. It will leave the higher-ups at schools guessing for answers.

Schools in predominantly lower-class communities will continue to have lower test scores, less resources and higher drop-out rates.

Statistics used to create more diverse universities would be outlawed.

Racial profiling is still a major problem in California. If law enforcement is not able to provide data of who they are pulling over or arresting, then this trend can continue to grow and no evidence would be present to stop it.

Hate crime and discrimination suits would be limited as well, because people would have to collect their own statistics to build a strong case.

Medical and healthcare facilities would also be tremendously hurt by this proposition. The ability to prevent disease and illness would be less effective without this data.

If a certain ethnicity in a community has the highest pregnancy rate, then public health officials will be able to make specific programs to target a specific ethnicity.

In turn, the data can be used to make more well-rounded medical programs to address needs and concerns of people of any race. Public health officials are able to gain insight and a better understanding of what certain people need.

All of these are reasons why Governor Gray Davis, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Republican candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger are all against Proposition 54.

"The state will not be able to investigate whether minorities are being given equal access to student services and other resources at schools."



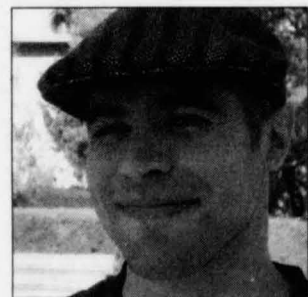
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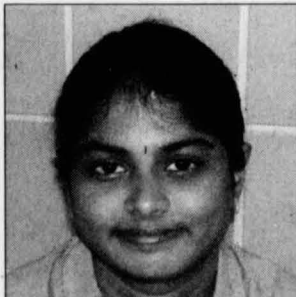
"It could be bad. Certain funds for particular groups could be eliminated or limited."

Felipe Ibarra
graduate student, math



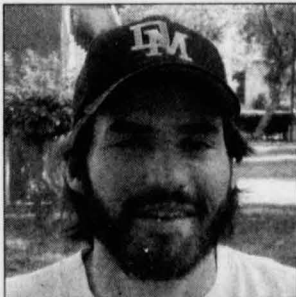
"No, research data that might be ethnically based would not be eliminated."

Eric Guest
senior, occupational therapy



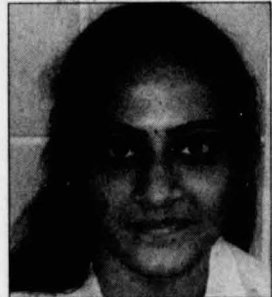
"Yes, I don't think there should be any statistics based on race."

Ramya Srinivasan
graduate student, electrical engineering



"I would say yes. Scholastic aptitude should be based on performance, not gender or race."

Steve Turner
senior, electrical engineering



"Yes, it's good. I don't know if there is any purpose in providing that data."

Soundarya Sivaramakrishnan
graduate student, computer engineering



"No, I don't think it would be good. They base some funding on statistics over minorities."

Nikole Ray
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NOT RANTING, JUST VENTING

Gay lifestyles earn new acceptance in the media

Up until recently, homosexuality was a big social taboo in American pop culture.

Gays and lesbians stayed locked in their dark closets hoping to conceal what was considered a dirty little secret.

But a pop culture revolution started approximately 10 years ago, and men and women across the nation started coming out and living life the way they should: as free individuals.

In 1992, young Americans couldn't get enough of MTV's newest show, "The Real World," which was based in New York City.

Through this show the nation was introduced to Norman. He was an openly gay man who shared his life through the tube. He allowed us to see that his homosexual relationships were as normal as heterosexual ones.

From this point on, homosexuality became a part of mainstream America.

One celebrity after another came out of the closet — such as musician Melissa Etheridge and actor Rupert Everett.

Even supermodel Cindy Crawford was thought to be a lesbian when she posed on the cover of "Vanity Fair" in 1993 with openly gay singer K.D. Lang.

There they were, Crawford dressed in a sexy black teddy and lace up booties, seductively shaving Lang, who was dressed in a man's suit.

The magazine cover received mixed reviews from the gay community.

Some applauded it because they felt it was a representation of freedom, while others — mainly lesbians — didn't like it because they felt it was a straight man's fantasy of what women were like together.

Either way, no one could deny that homosexuality was no longer meant to be kept a secret by the people who lived it or by those who supported it.

Today, gay is the way.

It's on TV, in the movies and on the radio.

In its first season, Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" has been making waves in the entertainment industry. The reality show's slogan is "Five gay men, out to make over the world — one straight guy at a time."

And that is exactly what the show is about.

The Fab Five — that's what the team of influential gay men call themselves — is dedicated to transform what Bravo calls "a style-deficient and culture-deprived straight man from drab to fab."

People haven't been able to get enough of it and CNN.com recently reported that "Bravo is close to signing a mammoth renewal deal for a second season."

Not even daytime TV could stay away from the attraction of mainstream gay.

This spring, "All My Children" was the first soap opera to show an onscreen kiss shared by a gay couple.

The lesbian kiss was a breakthrough in the soap industry.

But the girl on girl action in show business that has been receiving the most media hype has been by the Russian music teen duo, T.A.T.U.

These two young women kiss in their videos, on stage and provocatively pose together in their bare essentials.

Showtime raised eyebrows when it launched the series "Queer as Folk."

The show — which is not shy about depicting sexual escapades between gays — has been widely accepted and praised by the gay community.

But gays aren't the only ones watching it.

According to "Out" magazine, a large number of straight

people regularly tune in on Sunday nights to see what the guys and gals on "Queer as Folk" are up to.

Even advertisers are starting to realize that gay is in and are starting to market to them.

Some of the more popular gay and lesbian magazines like "Advocate" and "Girlfriends" have advertisements from big names like Miller Brewing Co. and Marlboro Cigarettes.

Bud Light did an ad depicting two men holding hands with a slogan reading, "Be Yourself and Make it a Bud Light."

So close yet so far away

So why is it that in a society where homosexuality is so out in the open, it's still very unaccepted?

It seems that America tells the gay community that their lifestyle is good for entertainment purposes, but it's not something we care to see outside the limelight.

Religious groups and the government continue to tell homosexuals that they are not accepted and that their kind is not wanted.

Religions like Catholicism are always harping that homosexuality is wrong and that God does not approve of it.

They go as far as saying that the Bible condemns gay people.

But one thing that some of these people have forgotten is that the Bible is written by man and God's word has been twisted by our own hand.

Many hardcore holy rollers say "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

Well, we weren't there, so we don't really know who was

there do we?

Even the government tells same sex couples they are not allowed to be married.

According to Speakingout.com, "there are 92,138 same-sex couples in California, including 8,902 in San Francisco," but marriage for these couples is out of the question.

Who are we to say who can and can't get married?

The last time I checked, two men or women being married to each other has yet to kill anyone.

No one — not even the government — has the right to deny anyone the right to be happy.

But it is also ignorant individuals who make homosexuals feel as if they are different and sometimes mistreat them.

In 2002, a gay, cross-dressing 17-year-old boy named Eddie "Gwen" Araujo, was beaten and strangled to death by three young men in Newark, Calif.

They claimed that they did not know Araujo was a boy, and he deceived them by dressing like a woman.

For this reason they killed him, wrapped his body in a sheet and buried him about 150 miles from his family's home.

It's a shame that in a state as diverse as California, we still hear about stuff like this in the news.

You don't have to like homosexuality.

You don't even have to agree with it.

But you should never shun someone for being different.

Maybe gay isn't the way for some, but remember it is for others, and we should let these people be who they are.

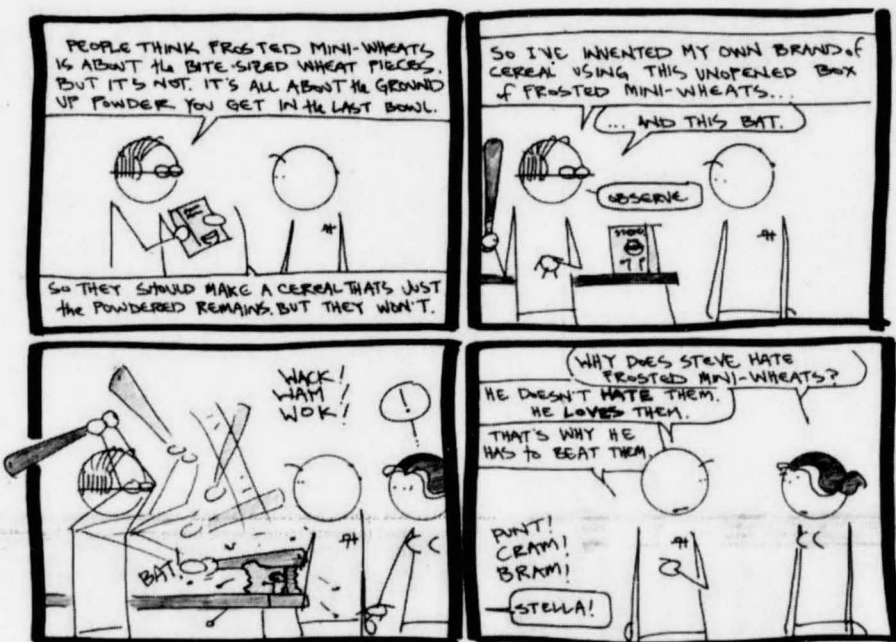
After all, who are we to judge?

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ANOTHER DIMENTION | JONAH PTAK



Viewpoint | Administration issues

Dear editor,

San Jose State University is the fourth college/university I have attended during my college years and what surprises me is that SJSU's administration and staff treat students in the most disrespectful manner I have ever witnessed.

The administration and staff seem to fail to understand that students are paying customers and that administration and staff wages are paid from the tuition and fees that students pay. This fact seems to be beyond the administration and staff's recognition. They fail to recognize that we are the customers, and they are here to assist students.

For example, the financial aid office is a place where students are treated with the utmost disrespect. My own encounters with that office recall nothing but disrespect, arrogance and outright lying by its staff.

In the Fall of 2002, my first semester at SJSU, I visited the financial aid office to complete my financial aid request. I was informed by the office staff that my Mexican-American studies department was being eliminated by the university, (perhaps the administration is seeking to terminate the program?) and they wondered why a "white person" would have any interest in anything "Mexican?" (among other inappropriate remarks).

First of all, the Mexican-American studies department is not being terminated though the financial aid staff may desire it to be eliminated.

Second, do I even need to respond

to the inappropriateness of the latter remark? I think not!

I made a grievance with the financial aid office director concerning these remarks in the fall of 2002 and have since been treated with increased disrespect by that staff.

In the beginning of May 2003, I attempted to ensure that the loan I was taking out for the fall semester of 2003 would be made available by the financial aid by the beginning of the Fall semester. They intentionally delayed all paperwork pertaining to my loan and intentionally lied to me dozens of times, and continue to do so till this day.

Now as we enter the sixth week of the fall semester, the financial aid continues to hold my funds "hostage." The financial aid office is intentionally making life more difficult for me because I, as a student, made a grievance concerning outrageous comments made by its staff members.

Apparently, the SJSU administration supports the financial aid office in its treatment of students and the making of inappropriate comments.

In grieving this situation, I have sent e-mails to the financial aid office, the financial aid director, the vice president supervising the financial aid office and SJSU president's office. The sum total of this effort is zero responses. Several graduate students have informed me that they have given up making grievances against SJSU because there is never a response from the administration or staff.

The warning to students is that the SJSU administration and staff do not care about students and do not care about student grievances. Students just don't matter to the administration and staff.

I, for one, will continue to protest the treatment of students at SJSU and continue my interest in things that are "Mexican."

Robert Koehler
graduate student
Mexican-American studies

SPARTA GUIDE

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily office in Dwight Bentel Hall, room 209. Entries can also be e-mailed to spartandaily@cas.sjsu.edu titled "Sparta Guide." Space restrictions may require editing of submissions. Entries are printed in the order in which they are received.

TODAY

ASIAN BAPTIST STUDENT KOINONIA

A Bible study, which is a part of a five-week series, will take place today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Pacific room in the Student Union. For more information, call Bryan at 234-0763 or go to the Web site www.abask.org.

AKBAYAN OF SJSU

Ma'boo'hay Talent Showcase will be held on Oct. 2. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and it costs \$10 at the door, but \$2 off if you bring canned food to the door. Pre-sale tickets are \$7. The event will take place in the Barret Ballroom. To reserve tickets, call Jonas at 605-5517 or e-mail akbayansjsu@hotmail.com.

AKBAYAN PILIPINO-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION

The second general meeting will take place on Oct. 2 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union. For more information, call Vesper Emata at (209) 679-1660.

GAY LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER ALLIES

A general group meeting will take place today from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Almaden room in the Student Union. For more information, e-mail glbta_sjsu@yahoo.com.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

A symposium on leading technologies with Dr. Inder M. Singh, the CEO and chairman of Lynux Words Inc. will be held on Oct. 2 from noon to 1 p.m. in the College of Engineering auditorium, room 189. The title of the symposium is Trends in Embedded Operating Systems. For more information, call Kate Shelton at 924-4086.

FEMINIST MAJORITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE

Guest speaker Gayle Tiller, a public affairs officer for Planned Parenthood will discuss the state of reproductive choice on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Pacheco room in the Student Union. For more information, call Erika Jackson at 924-6500.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND GERONTOLOGY PROGRAMS

A video conference on complementary and alternative medicine titled Moving Toward Integration in Contemporary Health care

Settings will take place Oct. 2 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in SJSU IRC, room 302. For more information, call Caroline at 924-3116 or Nancy Hikoyeda at 924-2938.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Locheed Martin will hold a resume workshop for recruitment today at 4:30 p.m. in the Costanoan room in the Student Union. For more information, visit www.cob.sjsu.edu/fma.

AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Nanalamilla Boyd will speak on "Reflections on Uncovery — a Gay Past Through Oral History" on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library in room 255. For more information, call Gail Sansbury at (415) 824-2659 or 924-4463.

SOCIETY OF LATINO ENGINEERS AND SCIENTISTS

The next general meeting will be held Oct. 2 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. All SJSU students are welcome. M.E. and E.E. students should bring their resume for internship opportunities. For more information, e-mail Michelle at vintage_44@hotmail.com.

PHI ALPHA THETA HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY

A lecture by Dr. Roth titled "Looking Jewish in Ancient Times" will take place Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. in Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Joint Library on second floor in lecture room 225.

STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

The first annual organization leadership conference will take place on Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call Nam Nguyen at 924-5963.

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FOR DEAN

A meeting will take place today at 7 p.m. in the University Club on 8th and San Salvador streets. For more information, call Jacquie Heffner at 712-5886.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ASSOCIATION

A workshop presented by Mike Hernandez of synopsis about "The Reator of HR" will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in the Guadalupe room in the Student Union. There will be free food and refreshments and all majors are welcome. For more information, visit www.cob.sjsu.edu/assoc/hrma or e-mail sjsuhrma@yahoo.com.

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

An information table will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in front of the Student Union, table number 5.

THE LISTENING HOUR CONCERT SERIES

A concert with Dr. Kris Palmer, modern wood flute, will take place on Oct. 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. in the Music building Concert Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call 924-4673.

"THURSDAY" LISTENING HOUR CONCERT SERIES

A solo flute recital with Dr. Kris Palmer, modern wood flute will take place on Oct. 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Music building concert hall. For more information, call Joan Stubbe at 924-4649.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Daily Mass takes place every weekday at 12:10 p.m. in SJSU campus ministry center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sunday Masses take place every Sunday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in SJSU campus ministry center. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

SJSU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Scripture reflection on the upcoming Sunday readings takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the chapel on the corner of Tenth and San Carlos streets. For more information, call Sister Marcia at 938-1610.

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work, a combination of low ridership and funding," Solis said about what was contributing to their financial crisis.

Solis defended the VTA's position on excluding the Outreach program from the new contract. She said what students had at SJSU was unique to California.

"No other college program has this," Solis said. "UC Berkeley, UCLA, Santa Cruz — they don't provide free transit for their disabled students."

This was the reason, she said, why VTA was considering removing Outreach from the contract to SJSU.

Still, Solis said VTA is very committed to providing access to disabled students on campus.

"The thing I think is really important is that all our services are ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible. People forget that sometimes," Solis said. "We have low floor vehicles that you can slide right in, and we have 15 routes that go directly to San Jose State."

"We want to expand our service, but unfortunately due to the financial situation, we have to reduce service," Solis said. "We don't like to do this, but we don't have a choice."

As for the other negotiating block concerning VTA's fee increase to A.S., Solis said the price of \$11.85 that each student currently pays, was because the economy at the time the contract was drafted reflected a different atmosphere.

She said when the VTA transit access program first began in 1994, it was at \$17.50 per student per semester and raised to a high of \$20 per student in the fall of 1997.

"But then in 1999 when the economic situation got better. We put it at \$10, and that stayed till 2002," Solis said.

Now that VTA's economic situation is more dire, Solis said all it's doing is returning to the original price before the dot-com boom.

"I really believe we have done everything possible to try to avoid this and unfortunately the financial situation that we're in is the only culprit," Solis said.

However, VTA isn't the only one struggling with finances.

If the Outreach transit program is excluded from the next contract, the cost of paying for transit will pass from the VTA onto the disabled students who have no choice but to use it.

Patricia Watkins, president of the Disabled Students Association on campus said many of the disabled students on campus already live on a sparse income of Social Security and Disability.

"For them to put money out to go to school ... just the idea of taking that

portion of their limited income to put towards Outreach is a financial juggling act that is constantly on the minds of their budget," Watkins said.

Loc Nguyen, a blind junior in social work, agreed with Watkins about the financial burden.

"Of course I don't think it's good for me. But what can I do," Nguyen said. "We don't have enough money for transportation to begin with. If I have to pay, I won't be able to support my education."

Because of Nguyen's visual impairment, even taking the bus as proposed by the VTA becomes a difficult task.

"I took the bus to go to school but I got lost all the time," Nguyen said. "For students like me, I depend on Outreach."

Medrano, a representative for the Silicon Valley Council of the Blind, said, "the service is very much needed. There are drivers that go above and beyond to ensure client safety, to ensure their well-being. It's unfortunate that Outreach and VTA don't care about the clients as much as the drivers."

Skyelar Willis, a sophomore in computer science who has muscular dystrophy, said though he understood the VTA's budget problems, "if we have to pay more for it, I'd want a little better service."

Willis uses a motorized wheelchair to get around. He said Outreach would sometimes not arrive within the scheduled 30-minute time slots he asked for.

But he added, "I found myself complaining about it and I shouldn't because it's something we're lucky to have."

Despite the controversy over excluding Outreach from the upcoming contract, only a few SJSU students are actually registered with it. According to the VTA, there is only an average of 20 registered students per month using Outreach. With a much larger population of disabled students on campus, many may not be aware of this service.

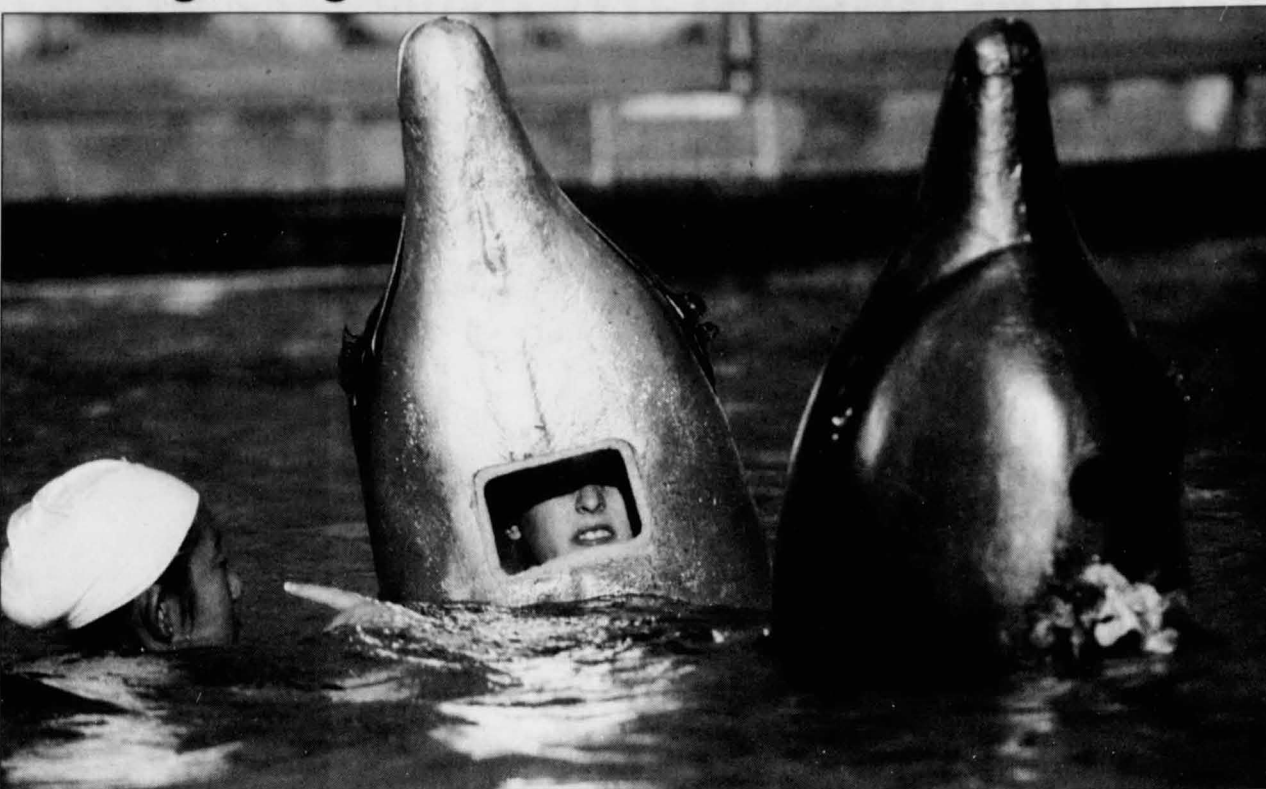
During last week's A.S. meeting, De Alba reported they had less than a month left to negotiate a new contract.

The worst-case scenario, if both sides cannot agree, is the threat of not having a transportation program next semester, clogging already jammed streets with thousands of more vehicles, according to De Alba.

Despite the hard positions both sides have taken, De Alba said there's still hope something will be worked out.

"I am a very optimistic individual," De Alba said. "I have to say I'm hoping common sense will prevail on both ends, and that we will come out with something reasonable that we can both live with."

Bobbing along ...



JANEAN BRONGERSMA / DAILY STAFF

Miho Ikai, left, and Candice Doby of the Santa Clara Aquamaids synchronized swimming team, perform a routine during practice at the Aquatic Center on Thursday. The Aquamaids won their 12th consecutive national championship in May.

High-tech classrooms smarten up

By Ken Lotich
Daily Staff Writer

Cable TV, a DVD player and a sound system are no longer just found in college dorm rooms.

San Jose State University has brought this technology to the classroom.

"Smart" classrooms are defined as classrooms with advanced technological resources. According to Chris Laxton, director of media production and delivery, each classroom has an integrated control system that includes a projector, VCR, DVD player, cable tuner and sound system with speakers.

The smart classrooms were implemented across the most heavily used general assignment classrooms, Laxton said.

Currently 16 of these classrooms exist on campus. These rooms were completed in August 2003. The second phase will see six additional smart classrooms created around January 2004, and four classrooms will get upgrades on their current equipment, Laxton said.

"These classrooms are used to improve the level and distribution of instructional technology on campus, and to increase resources for our faculty and students," Laxton said.

Each classroom costs about \$13,000 for equipment and installation, with additional costs for other preparations, such as electrical outlets or surface work that needs to be done. The money comes from the Provost's office, Laxton said.

However, the smart classroom found in the Art building, Room 135, was funded by the Art Department.

Wireless Internet access has been implemented in classrooms in the Art building and Dwight Bentel Hall —

both a part of the wireless laptop project.

Laxton said currently there are five classrooms with wireless Internet access at SJSU, and there are plans to add more wireless connectivity in other classrooms in the future.

Mary Fran Breiling, director of the wireless laptop pilot project said she is impressed with the capabilities smart classrooms can bring to faculty and students.

"It's a wonderful project for the faculty to use," Breiling said. "These classrooms can be used in as many ways as teachers use them."

Raul Marrufo, a senior majoring in finance, said learning is quicker and more efficient with smart classrooms.

"This technology allows teachers to

get their point across faster," Marrufo said. "We are able to hear the teacher talk and see something visually at the same time."

Kimb Massey, a professor in the department of television, radio, film and theater, teaches in one of the current smart classrooms located in Washington Square Hall.

Massey said she uses the technology available in the classroom often.

"It gives student the opportunity to learn a variety of ways — using all of the senses," Massey said.

Massey said she liked the fact that she is able to use video and visuals rather than just talking the entire time to her class.

"I'm able to use computers to show outlines, play video, and show ani-

mated models," Massey said. "I can't do that with just a chalkboard."

Students in her class agreed.

David Coffman, a senior majoring in animation, said he appreciates the smart classrooms because they enhance the learning environment.

"These classrooms create for better communication in class because I'm able to get a lot more than just the teacher's viewpoint," Coffman said. "I can learn a lot more this way."

Zandria Elbert, a senior majoring in television, radio, film and theater, said she appreciates the resources teachers have to present to class.

"The sound and picture are really good," Elbert said. "I think it's great that teachers and students are able to have this kind of accessibility."

U.S. farm group to sell goods to Cuba

Associated Press

HAVANA — A leading U.S. farm cooperative said Tuesday it will sell another \$8 million in corn and soy to Cuba, while Iowa officials said they will try to increase sales of their state's agricultural goods to the communist island.

The Trade Sanctions Reform Act passed by the U.S. Congress in 2000 allowed American farm producers to sell their goods directly to Cuba on a cash basis for the first time in more than 40 years.

"This is just the beginning of what we hope will be a long-term relationship and a beginning to the end of the restrictions on trade with Cuba," said Iowa state Sen. Matt McCoy, a Democrat.

On Tuesday, Chris Aberle, director of domestic sales for the Iowa-based cooperative FC Stone, and Cuban food import officials signed a contract for FC Stone to sell \$8 million of corn and soy to the Caribbean island. The deal brings to \$33 million the value of food products the cooperative has sold Cuba since late 2001.

"We strongly support lowering the trade restrictions both ways," Aberle said.

Pedro Alvarez, head of Cuba's food import concern Alimport, predicted that by Dec. 31 the island will have bought or made commitments to buy as much as \$500 million in American farm products — including transportation costs — over two years.

"This shows a real commitment on the part of Iowa to continue doing business with Cuba," he said.

Iowa state officials signed a memorandum of understanding with Alvarez expressing their commitment

to increase sales of agricultural products to Cuba.

They also said they would press congressmen to eliminate trade sanctions on Cuba and open up the market to American — especially Iowan — business.

"We look forward to trading more with Cuba," said Iowa state Sen. Nancy Boettger, a Republican. "As an Iowan, and as a farmer myself, we see food production as humanitarian."

Cuba first used the law in late 2001 to replenish its food reserves after Hurricane Michelle caused wide damage across the country.

Because the law prohibits U.S. financing for the sales, the Cuban funds generally are shipped through European banks.

Those roundabout funding transactions have cost Cuba at least \$10 million because of bank fees and fluctuating foreign exchange rates, Alvarez said.



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SJSU seeks first WAC win

By Michelle Meier
Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan volleyball team is expecting a tough match this week. Outside hitter Kimberly Noble said San Jose State University (0-1 in the Western Athletic Conference and 2-10 overall) is ready to greet its guests and determined to put an end to a four match losing streak.

SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL FROM THE BACK ROW

NOTEBOOK

Although SJSU is coming off a defeat Friday to No. 2 University of Hawai'i, Noble said the match boosted the team's confidence.

"There's no doubt in my mind we can take second place in the WAC," she said.



NOBLE

Both libero Jessie Shull and outside hitter Dyana Thompson said they are excited about future matches.

"I was happy to come to practice after the Hawai'i match," Thompson said. "Before I was just frustrated and it was routine."

The Spartans take on the University of Nevada (2-0, 8-7) Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Event Center in their second WAC match of the season.

A matchup against Fresno State (2-0, 12-3) follows on Saturday. Game time at the Event Center is slated for 7 p.m.

The last time SJSU met up with the Wolf Pack was Nov. 3, 2002, on the Spartans' home court. SJSU claimed victory 3-1.

SJSU head coach Craig Choate said the outcome for Thursday's match is difficult to predict.

The Wolf Pack return four starters, and will play an almost unrecognizable Spartan team with only one returning starter.

"For the last five years, Fresno, Nevada and San Jose State have always been the teams fighting for second behind Hawai'i," Choate said.

Choate said he wants to defeat Nevada, but he knows each match this season is going to be a struggle.

Thursday's match will be Noble's fourth year playing the Wolf Pack.

"Nevada's always been strong," Noble said. "We've always had tension because they're just as competitive as we are."

In the 2002 season, the Wolf Pack finished 22-10 overall and lost the WAC postseason tournament title to Hawai'i.

The team qualified to play in the NCAA Volleyball Tournament where they were defeated in the first round by the University of Pacific, 3-2.

Returning to the court for Nevada this season is sophomore middle blocker Salaia Salave'a.

As a freshman, she started all 32 matches for the Wolf Pack and was named 2002 WAC Freshman of the Year.

Noble said she remembers Salave'a. "She'll probably be the one we need to look out for," she said.

Also returning for the Wolf Pack is senior outside hitter Laura Wooley, who was named to the 2002 WAC Tournament Team.

In 2002 Wooley sat a portion of the season with a dislocated shoulder.

In the 17 matches she appeared in, she posted 47 kills and 37 digs prior to the WAC tournament.

Gone from the Nevada lineup is, middle blocker Michelle More, their most productive player on offense in WAC play in 2002.

More led the Wolf Pack last season during conference play with 219 kills and hitting .343.

Last week, the Wolf Pack won their

first two WAC contests.

On Thursday, Nevada swept the University of Tulsa 3-0. Saturday, it defeated Rice University, 3-1. In the Rice match, four players recorded double figure kills: Christine Harms with 17, Lauren Galler and Karen Adams with 14 and Kellie Burton with 12.

Back to Basics

SJSU libero Shull said the team needs to work on consistency during this week of practice.

"We need to work on missed serves, executing free ball plays and staying loud so there is no confusion between who passes the ball," Shull said.

Although the team had five service errors in the match against Hawai'i, Choate said he is satisfied with the team's serving.

"There's a trade off," Choate said. "If you serve the ball in every time, then you are not serving tough enough."

Choate said he will view videos of Wolf Pack matches this week to determine their strengths and weaknesses. He said however, he plans on having the team watch videos of their own matches. This way, he said, they can see what worked and what didn't.

A Familiar Face

Devin Scruggs, head coach of the Wolf Pack, will return to a familiar court Thursday.



SCRUGGS

in interdisciplinary studies from

In 1991, Scruggs was hired as an assistant volleyball coach for SJSU. She spent two seasons on the sidelines for the Spartans.

In May 1999, Scruggs received her master's degree



Ryan Balbuena / Daily Photo

Spartan volleyball head coach Craig Choate, right, talks to his team before the start of the second game against the University of Hawai'i on Friday at the Event Center. San Jose State University is scheduled to face the University of Nevada-Reno Thursday and Fresno State University on Saturday.

SJSU.

Since then, she has gone on to lead the Wolf Pack to the NCAA Tournament three times and is currently coaching in her seventh season at the University of Nevada.

Scruggs said last season her team struggled in road games, but this season it hasn't been a problem.

"We don't have the road game jinx that we've had in the past," Scruggs said.

Concerning the upcoming match, Scruggs said, "Just because I have a degree there doesn't mean I don't want to win. Maybe it's even more incentive."

Bulldogs Show Teeth

With only one day off, the Spartans get back on the court to face Fresno State (2-0, 12-3).

Last season, the Spartans experi-

enced defeat against the Bulldogs in two matches.

Fresno's outside hitter Kristen Fenton recorded her first career 20-kill match in the Nov. 2, 2002, match vs. SJSU.

The Nov. 2 victory snapped an eight match win streak by the Spartans over the Bulldogs.

Bulldogs last win over SJSU had come on Nov. 13, 1997.

Noble said since her freshman year, Fresno State has been one of their toughest rivals, even more than Nevada.

The Bulldogs closed the 2002 season 10-3 in the WAC and 23-7 overall.

In the WAC tournament, Fresno made the semi-final round where they fell to the Wolf Pack in a four game match.

At the NCAA Volleyball Tournament, the Bulldogs fell to UC Santa Barbara in a four game match.

The Bulldogs come into Saturday night's match following two home wins in the WAC last week.

Thursday night, Fresno took on Rice University, resulting in a 3-1 victory for the Bulldogs.

Returning outside hitter Fenton recorded 24 kills on the match. She was also named WAC Volleyball Player of the Week for the week ending Sept. 29, her second time receiving this honor for the 2003 season.

Saturday night the Bulldogs met up with the University of Tulsa and added a second WAC win with a three game sweep.

This Saturday at the Event Center, the Bulldogs come seeking a third WAC win.

"We want to win against Fresno," SJSU's Noble said, "but we've got to focus on each match individually, as it comes."

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3	Notre Dame sight	16	Country fun (2 wds.)	29	With raised letters	43	Continued	55	Qualified	68	Beastie and Blyth	39	Cry of dismay	52	Inner self	69	Early jazz	44	Weekly program	56	Love, in France	40	Mr. Spock	45	N.J. hockey player	57	Not as common	70	Jeered at	46	Gate squeaker	58	Boxer	47	London radio	59	Spinks
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be constructed in its place, the university turned to Leonard Willeke, the chief designer for the state of California, to draw up the plans in the style of the California Missions, according to the Special Collections documents.

The building was planned to be part of a quadrangle that would today surround the area of the campus by Tower Hall, Washington Square Hall, Hugh Gillis Hall and Dudley Moorhead Hall.

The project was given a budget of \$425,000 and Tower Hall was finished four years later.

According to an old report from the Mercury News, around the time the building was erected, the architecture of Tower Hall was a blend of Moorish, Gothic, Spanish Renaissance and Mission School styles.

In 1962, Tower Hall was deemed structurally unsafe in the event of an earthquake by the state and plans to demolish the building and construct a new building were submitted.

The announcement that the Tower would be demolished drew considerable protests by students, faculty and alumni, according to Special Collections documents.

In April 1963, the university closed Tower Hall and the students and faculty were relocated to other buildings on campus.

The controversy then began to renovate Tower Hall instead of tearing it down.

According to Special Collections documents, then University President John T. Wahlquist wrote several letters to the state pleading to stop plans to tear down Tower Hall.

With the president on their side, the student and faculty groups won to keep the original Tower Hall.

In 1966, renovations were completed and Tower Hall was reopened for use.

Tower Hall was spared, but the surrounding buildings that made up the quadrangle were torn down.

Richard Macias, campus planner for the Facilities Development and Operations department at SJSU, said it was a mistake to take down the rest of the quadrangle.

"The buildings were more earthquake safe than (the state) thought," Macias said.

A distinctive feature of Tower Hall is the bells that sound once every 30 minutes.

Originally, the sound was created by a large bell that sat atop the tower, and now is outside of the science building.

Today is made by amplified speakers and a carillon, a class gift in 1997, which already have the chimes programmed in the computer.

Another unique characteristics of Tower Hall is a red chair sitting on a red plank outside of one of the windows on the top floor, which is displayed once every semester.

People walk by the chair every semester and may have never realized the history of this symbol, and the fact that it has been a tradition for 86 years.

The red chair, or "The Plank" as it is called, is put out every semester by the Tau Delta Phi fraternity as a part of its initiation, according to the fraternity's Web site.

The Web site refers to "The Plank" as "a dramatic metaphor for the perils and resolve required of an individual in the pursuit for truth and wisdom."

Tau Delta Phi has held its initiation ceremony inside Tower Hall since 1917, when then President Morris Dailey — after whom the auditorium inside Tower Hall is named — allowed the fraternity to use the building.

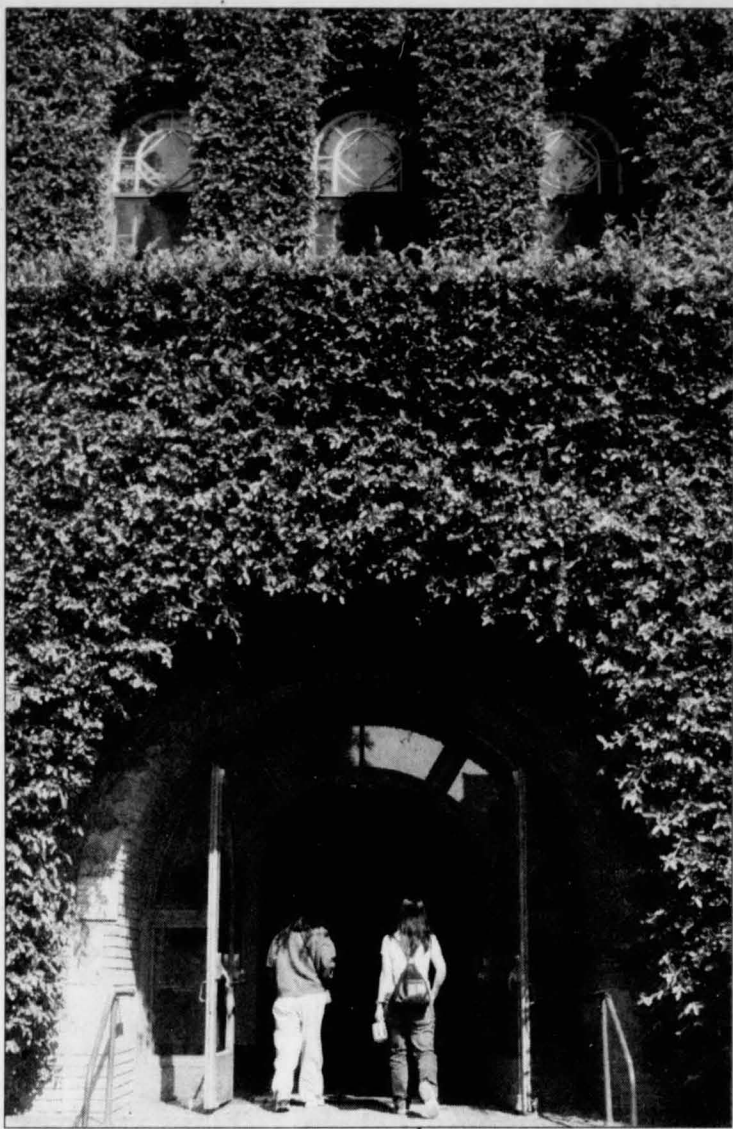
Andy Chow, a member of the fraternity, said Tau Delta Phi is proud to be part of the history of Tower Hall.

"It is the symbol of the school," Chow said. "We have a close relationship with the university ... and are proud to use the tower."

Chow said "The Plank" is not a secret because it is also something unique to the school.

"I think it is important to let the students know what it is and that it is part of the history of the university," Chow said.

Chow said the fraternity will be holding its initiation later in the week and once again "The Plank" will be put out on display.



Students enter Tower Hall on Thursday through the ivy-covered west entrance. The building is one of six original structures left standing on campus.

Blair squares off with critics

Associated Press

BOURNEMOUTH, England — A defiant Prime Minister Tony Blair, bruised by dissent over the war in Iraq, faced down his critics Tuesday and defended the U.S.-led campaign to topple Saddam Hussein.

In an often somber address to his restless Labor Party, Blair said 6 years in office and growing unease over his policies had left him battered. But he defended his government's record, said it was ready for a historic third term in office and insisted his forthright leadership was best for Britain.

"It's the only leadership I can offer. And it's the only type of leadership worth having," he said.

At the end of his highly personal 50-minute address, Blair basked in a massive ovation — deafening applause that faded long after he left the cavernous conference hall.

"That did not look to me like a party that is ready to talk about a leadership change," said Ben Bradshaw, a junior environment minister.

"He was honest, up front and did not hide from anything, and I respect him for that," said Labor counselor Paul Harvey. "It was what the party needed to hear."

But the speech failed to silence many critics, still incensed by the war in Iraq.

"Where was the apology about the 10,000 Iraqis that have died? Where was the regret that there is no evidence of weapons of mass destruction?" asked member Mick Moriarty.

Blair's popularity has slumped in recent opinion polls, which have charted growing disillusionment with his support for President Bush as well as his plans to reform Britain's ailing public services.

Blair devoted his speech to defending both.

"Iraq has divided the international community, it has divided the party, the country, families, friends. And I know many people are disappointed, hurt, angry. ... I ask just one thing: Attack my decision, but at least understand why I took it and why I would take the same decision again."

He said the major threat of the 21st century was "fanaticism defeating reason."

"Suppose the terrorists repeated Sept. 11, or worse. Suppose they got hold of a chemical or biological or nuclear dirty bomb; and if they could, they would. What then?" he asked.

"There was no easy choice. So whatever we each of us thought, let us agree on this. We who started the war must finish the peace."

Blair, who led the party to the first of two landslide election victories in 1997, acknowledged he had hit a "rough patch."

"I now look my age," the 50-year-old leader joked.

But he offered his party the hope of winning a third straight election — an unprecedented achievement for Labor, which was usually the runner-up through the 20th century to the Conservatives.

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through Thursday.

Le Blanc said SJSU students are not able to sign their kids on the program because the preschool lab is not a drop-off service. Every child enrolled in the program needs to stay in the preschool as long as the class lasts, Le Blanc said.

That way, students can perform their observation routines, Le Blanc said.

The observation room provides good opportunities not only for students but also for parents.

Sometimes, they come in to take advantage of the incognito situation and observe their children's development themselves.

Eileen Shydowski, a San Jose resident, was observing her 3-year-old daughter Maya on Tuesday morning while studying for an exam.

"It's so fun to be a fly on the wall," Shydowski said.

"(My daughter) can't see me. She is free to be her own personality and I get to see it," Shydowski said.

Amy Chavarria, a Milpitas resident and former SJSU English major, brings her two daughters to the campus preschool.

Chavarria said the observation room gives her a feeling of security.

"It shows that they don't have anything to hide. They are willing to be observed," Chavarria said.

Rose Province, mother of 3-year-old Claudia, was studying to pass her Graduate Record Examination on Monday while watching her daughter paint.

"It is nice to have this opportunity to observe," Province said.

Province said she found out about the SJSU preschool program from the neighborhood. She said she liked it mostly because it has a very good teacher/student ratio.

Le Blanc said there are two children for every teacher in the classroom.

Shydowski, whose 5-year-old son also went to the preschool lab before, said she appreciates the free format of the school.

"I love the way kids are allowed to play freely. There is not so much adult direction," Shydowski said.

"They play in a safe environment with encouragements. You don't hear the word 'no'."

FEES | Student opinions differ on Union increase

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Busalacchi said the fees the Student Union receives will be used for the following year. In other words, if the fee increase takes effect in 2004, revenue from it will be used for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.

"Every semester we go without a fee increase compounds the problem," Busalacchi said.

Busalacchi said she would tell students who had concerns about the \$45 increase to consider that the Student Union hasn't asked for a fee increase in 15 years.

Another student said he thought \$3.6 million was a lot of money for repairs. "How bad is this leak?" said Jeremy Commandeur, a senior business administration major. "I prefer that the fee increase is smaller, just to cover the repairs. It's not an absolute necessity to have extended hours."

Commandeur said he thought the \$45 probably wouldn't go to pay for extended hours because of cost overruns. "It's fairly typical with govern-

ment contracting that it's never finished for the price that's quoted."

Sophomore Daniel Moore said he would support a fee increase.

"I'm on the bowling team here, so anything to help out the Student Union would be in our favor," Moore said.

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